

POTATO MARKET STEADY; YIELD IS VERY SHORT

Favorable Prices Offset Largely by Partial Failure of Crop; Growers Expect Little Profit

PACK IS BEST EVER

Progressive Growers Reaping Rewards of Inspection, Better Barrels, and Market News Reports

Encouragingly favorable prices are being received this week by Pasquotank County growers for their early potatoes, quotations at the loading points here ranging from \$5 to \$5.25 a barrel to the growers. The market this year has witnessed its usual course, having gone upward during the early part of the season, and then downward since the beginning of shipment from this county last week, prices having dropped as low as \$4 a barrel under pressure of heavy movements from South Carolina. About one-third of the local crop has moved already, in the opinion of dealers and others in close touch with the situation. As usual, however, there is a "fit in the market." This time it is in the fact that the yield is very poor, due to dry and otherwise unfavorable weather during the growing season. The crop is estimated at not more than 75 per cent normal, and leading dealers say it is exceedingly doubtful whether the majority of the growers will make a profit, even with the excellent prices.

Although the market is encouragingly steady now, the growers and others here are awaiting with some trepidation the movement of the Eastern Shore crop. This, too, is reported to be very short, and in the apparent ill luck of the Virginia growers, those in this territory see a ray of hope for themselves.

The high prices this week are attributed to several factors, among which are the cleaning up of the South Carolina crop, the unusually good grading and packing maintained here this season, and the relatively short yield.

Reports from the Eastern Shore indicate that the growers there will rush their crop to the market as rapidly as practicable, in order to escape the ravages of the potato tuber moth, which bores holes through the later potatoes, and renders them unfit for eating. It is feared here that this prospective heavy movement will depress the market, with consequent disadvantage to local growers.

For the first time in the history of this section, three to five carloads of potatoes are being exported daily direct to Cuba, through a large Norfolk forwarding concern. The extensive purchases of this firm here are declared to result from the excellent quality of the pack this season.

As a safeguard against improper grading, a staff of Federal inspectors is at work here now, and is passing upon just about 90 per cent of the shipments. Of those inspected, they report that at least 90 per cent are grading U. S. No. 1. This grading is declared to be a highly important factor in the steadiness which the market has attained.

The Government inspection service was launched last year through the efforts of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce, and is being carried on on a decidedly larger scale this year. It proved instantly popular with both buyers and growers. From 20 to 30 graders will be in the field here by the latter part of the week, it is announced. In addition, the growers have improved their pack materially by using stave instead of flat barrels, and by discarding the old, falsely economical practice of making their barrels by tacking up soiled burlap sacks. Clean, round covers are being used almost exclusively.

For the inspection service, the graders are paid \$4 a car, or about two cents a barrel, figuring the average carload at 200 barrels. Pasquotank County's Irish potato shipments will reach their peak during the present week, in the opinion of W. G. Lensen, market news representative of the Federal Department of Agriculture, who has been in close touch with the situation since the crop began moving last week. Currutuck shipments already are declining measurably, he says.

Market news reports, gathered by wire and by actual observation of market and crop conditions, are being mailed daily free of charge from this city to all who request them, and this service is declared to have proved its worth many times over, in presenting the glutting of markets and consequent decline in prices. A large number of the reports are distributed by hand among buyers, dealers and others in this city, and a few are wired direct to outside points where they would have to wait 24 hours for their arrival by mail.

TWO KILLED WHEN ARMY PLANE FALLS

Mitchell Field, New York, June 22.—Major W. L. Moore, Jr., and William Point, a West Point cadet, were killed today when an Army observation plane piloted by Major Moore fell at 3,000 and burned on the Goldsboro golf course, East Meadow, Long Island, today.

GROUP LEAVING WEDNESDAY FOR HIGHWAY MEET

Two Elizabeth City Men to be Speakers at Sessions of Atlantic Coastal Highway Association

WILL TOUR SEABOARD

Party From Here Will Pick Up Delegations in Hertford, Edenton and Other Points on Way South

Leaving here Wednesday morning in time to catch the 8 o'clock Edenton-Mackeys ferry after having picked up similar delegations in Hertford and Edenton, a motorcade will journey across the State to Wilmington to attend the sixth annual meeting of the South Atlantic Coastal Highway Association, which will be held in the Cape Fear Hotel there Thursday and Friday.

The party will pick up similar motor delegations in Williamston, Washington, New Bern and possibly Jacksonville in the journey along the seaboard to Wilmington. Heading the group from here will be State Senator P. H. Williams, North Carolina vice president of the association; C. R. Pugh, a member of the advisory board; Secretary R. C. Job, of the Chamber of Commerce; Representative J. Kenyon Wilson, and Miles L. Clark.

Messrs. Pugh and Williams are on the convention program for addresses, the former at a luncheon Thursday, and the latter the following day. Other speakers will include Frank O. Miller, of Jacksonville, Florida, president of the association; Charles L. Abernathy, of New Bern, Representative in Congress from the Second North Carolina District, and Mayor Walter H. Blair, of Wilmington, who will welcome the association.

Honorary vice presidents of the association include Governor McLean, of North Carolina, and ex-Governor E. Lee Trinkle, of Virginia.

Special interest attaches to the development of the Atlantic Coastal Highway in Northeastern Carolina and Tidewater Virginia through several projects now under way in this territory which, when completed, are expected to bring a heavily increased tide of motor traffic through the seaboard districts of the two States.

The most important of these is the Chowan Bridge, half million dollar structure some four miles long, to span the lower Chowan River near Edenton, and thereby complete the linking of the Northeastern section with the remainder of North Carolina. The bridge is to be finished early in next year.

North Carolina also is building a 15-foot concrete highway from Elizabeth City to Norfolk, running via Moyock and Great Bridge, North Carolina is building a 16-foot concrete highway from this city to Sligo, in Currutuck County, and has arranged to borrow funds from Currutuck to continue it from Sligo to the Virginia line. There it will connect with improved roads running to the Hampton Roads cities.

BLIND VETERANS IN VANGUARD OF PARADE
Atlanta, June 22.—Representatives of the entire country's maimed and broken veterans of the world war marched here today. It was the sixth annual parade of the convention of disabled veterans of the world war. Forty blind veterans led the procession.

MODERN CHICAGO TAKES PEEP BACK TO MEDIEVALITY

Eucharistic Congress With Ritualistic Mysticism and Almost Barbaric Splendor Goes on in Midst of City

FOREIGN VISITORS

Estimates of Lay Attendance Run Toward Million While Millions are Spent to Make Pilgrimage

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Chicago, June 22.—This Eucharistic Congress is the most amazing demonstration of religious belief ever staged. The word staged naturally comes to mind for in the dramatic setting of the stated events, in the panoply and pageantry of the processions and the glittering splendor of the Cathedral there seems to be always present the master hand of a Be-lasco.

Chicago is a strange mixture of mediocrity and modernity. At one moment the Cardinals, and the high prelates are enthroned in almost barbaric splendor and surrounded by the ritualistic mysticism of the centuries. The next thing they are being whirled away in high powered motor cars, with screaming sirens warning all traffic out of their way.

The statistics of the congress are staggering. One loses all sense of comparison or perspective when told of the presence of 12 cardinals, three apostolic delegates, 57 archbishops, 257 bishops, three prefects apostolic, 17 mitred abbots, four superiors general of monastic orders, 500 monsignori and priests without number.

Estimates of the lay attendance at the Congress range all the way from 500,000 to 1,000,000. The former figure probably is more nearly correct. But even so the Congress takes on proportions which make it stand out as one of the greatest pilgrimages of all time.

Wife Is Not Inclined To Take Word Of Errant Spouse

A deaf ear to her husband's pleas to be forgiven and taken back, and to his promises to take care of her faithfully the remainder of his life, was turned by Mrs. McKinley Sawyer in recorder's court Tuesday when the abandonment and non-support. He was put under a suspended sentence of six months in jail, conditional upon furnishing \$5 a week to his wife for her support and that of their children. By the way, he is not the McKinley Sawyer who runs a poolroom on that part of Colonial avenue known as the Bowery.

Mrs. Sawyer stated that on three earlier occasions she had listened to her husband's promises to do better, and had taken him back, but each time he had failed to live up to them.

The court found probable cause in the case of Isaiah Jones, colored, charged with obtaining goods fraudulently from M. P. Winslow, West Main street merchant, and Jones was bound over to the next criminal term of Superior Court under a \$100 appearance bond. It was in evidence that he had given Mr. Winslow mortgages on two mules, named Bill and Joe; that one of the mules had died; and that it developed that the other belonged to A. L. Ayllett, of this city.

DR. YEN RESIGNS AS CHINESE HEAD
Peking, June 22.—Doctor W. W. Yen, premier of the Peking Government which was formed on May 13, 1926, has resigned. Admiral Tu Hsi Kwel, minister of the navy, has been appointed premier pro tem.

BARBONE SINGER WILL GIVE CONCERT TONIGHT
Richard S. Tuttle, young American baritone, will give a delightful concert at the First Methodist Sunday school auditorium tonight at 8:15 o'clock. No admission will be charged. A free will offering will be taken. Mr. Tuttle's coming here was made possible by the First Methodist Church choir.

URGES INSTITUTION TO END COMPETITION
Atlanta, June 22.—The proposed Cotton Textile Institution was urged as a means to end "destructive" competition in the cotton manufacturing business by George Harris, president of the Georgia Cotton Manufacturers' Association, speaking before the opening session of the annual convention here today. Doctor Harris declared that the cotton manufacturing industry "has become permeated with destructive competition to a terrible degree. This has from year to year been practiced until we find ourselves in a death grip that promises to tear down the entire structure."

PRESIDENT SIGNS GOOD ROADS BILL
Washington, June 22.—President Coolidge today signed the bill to continue Federal aid for good roads. It authorized appropriation of \$75,000,000 for the fiscal year 1928 and a similar amount for 1929.

CATTLE REMOVED
Washington, June 22.—Cattle was removed from the provision of the McNary farm bill today when the Senate adopted an amendment suggested by Senator Kendrick, Democrat, of Wyoming.

Secretary Work Gets "Hanged" Again



Secretary of the Interior Hubert Work, recently hanged in effigy by Nebraska farmers, underwent a repetition of the experience when a big crowd of homesteaders on the Verde river irrigation district, near Phoenix, Ariz., gathered to protest against his ruling that the district organization could not develop the project. As the signs show, the homesteaders' fight is being aided by Senator Cameron of Arizona.

BEST BALLYHOO LURES BUSINESS

Not Best Mouse Trap in New York But Oddest Way Telling About It

New York, June 22.—Enterprise and business ingenuity probably pay higher cash dividends in Gotham than any other city. Manhattan is ready to flock, not to the man who makes the best mousetrap, but to the one who ballyhoos his mousetrap in the most effective manner.

Thus one restaurateur has come to a secure place on "Easy Street" through putting his patrons on an honor system. His plan is simple. The patron eats and then on the way out of the restaurant stops at the cashier's cage to name the amount of his own check. There is no supervision. Yet the restaurateur says his percentage of loss is so small that he actually saves money through the elimination of help required for a checking system.

Capitalizes on "Drawl"

The audacity of his plan is the more apparent when compared with that of a chain soda fountain organization which requires all patrons to pay in advance for their orders before they will be served.

The Manhattanite has a strong leaning for atmosphere. The soft, Southern drawl is very popular on the island, so much so that it is frequently exaggerated by those who would not give it a thought in their home towns. One man made a fortune by capitalizing on the idea. He opened an "old-fashioned, Southern waffle house" and hired young lady waitresses who were fortunate enough to possess a real or pseudo-Southern accent.

Ideas even extend to popular restaurants, the latest gaudy being to add \$2 to the convert charges for tables located near electric fans.

Pitch Men Meet Occasion
There is a former bartender who is quietly amassing a fortune down in the "padlock" district by the unique idea of requiring the patrons of his little cafe to obey the prohibition law. Neither will he serve any food unless a soft drink order also is given. His rule is arbitrary. No person will be served who does not order the prescribed beverage, by who comes in under the influence of liquor.

The pitch men are others who do land office business on the streets. They capitalize every occasion. If it rains they sell cheap umbrellas at about four times their value. If it is a parade they can be depended upon to supply the American flags.

Times Square is their popular rendezvous but Park Row is also a favorite haunt. One Park Row pitch man has sold leather shoe strings on the same corner for fifteen years. He tells all his customers confidentially that his brand of shoestrings is the secret brand with which so many fellows have started in business. He supports a family and owns a comfortable little home out on Staten Island.

This Dog to Inherit \$5,000



Coley Second Victim Revival Underway Airplane Accident At First Christian

Norfolk, June 22.—George J. Coley, owner and pilot of the airplane which crashed near the Naval Base yesterday, instantly killing George H. Hubbard, passenger, died today. Coley's mother lived in Charlotte.

The body of Hubbard will be carried to his home at Oriental, North Carolina. The men were starting on a flight to Elizabeth City when the crash occurred.

POTATO CROP LATE AND YIELD IS POOR

Currutuck, June 22.—The potato crop in this section of the county is much later this year than it has been in many years past, owing to the dry weather when potatoes needed rain the most. This has caused a very small yield. Many of the farmers are only getting eight to ten barrels to the barrel of seed, which is a very small yield at this time of the year. Usually by the fifteenth of June all of the potatoes have gone.

Many of the farmers seem to be in a hurry to dig, because they think the price will continue to stay around \$1 for which they are selling here at the wharves.

LINEMAN KILLED BY FALL OF HEAVY POLE
Charlotte, June 22.—T. W. Collier, aged 30, lineman for the Southern Power Company, was killed here today when a heavy pole fell across him.

FUNERAL MISS McPHERSON
Berea, June 22.—The funeral of Miss Katherine Virginia McPheron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McPheron, City Route Three, who died of smallpox Friday afternoon, was conducted in the yard at her home Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. R. W. Prevost, pastor of Berea and Corinth Baptist Churches, assisted by Rev. R. H. Stafford of Winchester, Kentucky. Miss McPheron was 17 years old, and one of the most popular girls of her community, she was a member of Berea Baptist Church and a leading member of the Filletta Class. Miss McPheron will be greatly missed by her friends and relatives throughout all her community.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McPheron; three sisters: Mrs. Paul Harris, Miss Stella McPheron, City Route Three, Mrs. M. O. Jackson of Camden, and by two brothers, John and Pritchard McPheron, City Route Three.

Jim Barkley Found Not Guilty On Liquor Charge

Charged with possession of liquor for purpose of sale, Jim Barkley, who recently ran a blacksmith shop on the Bowery, and who now conducts a shoe repair shop back of Zimmerman's mill, in the vicinity of the City Market, faced Trial Justice P. G. Sawyer in recorder's court today.

Barkley was found not guilty after Willie Rogers, white man, has employed for several years, and who sleeps in the blacksmith shop, had testified that the liquor belonged to him, that he had obtained it and had hidden it under the anvil with idea of taking it to a friend in Norfolk in the next few days. Rogers was fined \$25 and costs.

Judge J. B. Leigh was present at the hearing and voiced a strong plea for leniency for the accused, declaring he had no sympathy for the liquor traffic, but that he was keenly interested in helping a man to turn from the error of his ways. Barkley was arrested last night by Police Officers Twiddy and Baschlight after the officers claimed they found three pints of liquor hidden in a compartment cut out of the wooden block on which the anvil in the blacksmith shop rests. The anvil, they say, is nailed down in a fashion which keeps it from sliding back and forth on the block, but does not prevent its being lifted rapidly, hence, when from above the compartment.

CITY SEEKS BIDS ON STREET WORK

Will Ask Proposals on 50,000 Square Yards of Concrete and Asphalt

Sealed proposals for the laying of some 40,000 square yards of asphalt paving, and for about 8,000 square yards of concrete foundation for brick paving, in connection with the general municipal program recently undertaken here, will be opened by the City Council on Wednesday afternoon, July 7, at 2 o'clock at a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce.

This work will be paid for out of a bond issue for \$255,000, recently authorized by the Council for street improvements, water and sewer line extensions, erection of a modern water filtration plant, and other lesser projects.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for five per cent of the amount of the bid, as evidence of good faith. Copies of the plans, specifications and other necessary data may be obtained upon application to William C. Olson, city engineer. Mr. Olson's general offices are in Raleigh.

BUILDING AND LOAN MEETING AT CONCORD

Raleigh, June 22.—The State Association of Building and Loan Associations is in session today and tomorrow at Concord. Its membership consists of 265 different local associations, which build a total of 7,618 homes last year. The total assets now amount to more than \$100,000,000 and last year an increase of \$11,000,000 was shown.

Stacey W. Wade, State Commissioner of Insurance is attending the meeting of the association and will discuss the different phases of insurance before the convention.

LITTLE NEARER END OF CABINET CRISIS

Paris, June 22.—A long conference this afternoon with M. Poincare and Paul Doumer, tentative choices for finance minister, brought Premier Briand little nearer solution of the cabinet crisis. The conference broke up at 6:25 to be resumed later in the evening. It is understood that M. Briand meanwhile will consult former finance minister Caillaux.

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PROSPERITY IS HARD TO FIGURE LAST TWO YEARS

Growth in Federal Tax Receipts in Spite of Lower Rates of Taxation Give Clue to National Wealth

TALK TAX REDUCTION

Question Whether Public Debt Is Being Paid Too Rapidly Is Discussed by Experts and Others

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Washington, June 22.—Growth in the Federal tax receipts in spite of the fact that lower rates of taxation have been provided is having a profound effect on Congress. The truth is that nobody, not even the Secretary of the Treasury, has been able to form an accurate estimate of the tremendous proportions of American prosperity in the last two years. The fact that May receipts from all sources this year were more than \$5,000,000 higher than the corresponding month last year, is much more than a curiosity here as to what are the factors that keep swelling the tax receipts. Income tax collections as distinguished from receipts from customs duties and miscellaneous taxes amounted to nearly \$42,000,000 more for the 11 month period ending with July 31, 1925, and ending with May 31 of this year, than they did for the corresponding 11 month period of the preceding year. In the receipts for the period ending on May 31 last, there are included the March receipts which are based on much lower rates of taxation than the preceding year. This alone would seem to prove to the tax experts that the productivity of low rates of taxation has been established beyond question of a doubt and has strengthened the view of those who are advocating an even lower rate of taxation all along; the line, instead of being faced with deficits, the Treasury has in the last three years shown a steady increase in receipts and a substantial surplus.

Even the miscellaneous receipts have gone up by more than \$55,000,000 which is another evidence of the generally prosperous condition of the country. It is significant, on the other hand, that corporation tax receipts for the month of May, 1925, have shown a decrease of nearly \$3,000,000. This reflects only partially the result of a slight increase in the corporation tax but is an interesting note to note in the single important respect in which the tax rate was raised the receipts fell off.

The big fight in the next discussion that is held about tax revision will come on the corporation tax rates. The increase in the present law was determined upon at the last minute as a means of meeting some of the concessions given in the general schedule of income tax rates and there has begun already a determined movement to have the corporation tax rate recede. It is also probable that the surtax will again be subject to some revision though as substantial a reduction as was made this year is of course, out of the question.

Members of Congress will this morning hear a good deal about taxation and the figures will soon be available on which to base an answer to the question of whether the public debt is being reduced too rapidly and whether a period of 33 years would not be better for the payment of that debt than the present schedule of about 20 years. Indeed, if the surpluses continue as at present and they are applied to the reduction of the public debt, instead of to tax reduction, there are some experts who figure that the entire public debt may be paid off in 14 years more. This point will be the subject of much debate in the next session of Congress when all the facts and figures will have been made available and completely analyzed. It is worth noting, however, that the under current of talk for another tax reduction has started here.

GOOD BEGINNING FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

One hundred and eighty boys and girls enrolled in the Daily Vacation Bible School at Blackwell Memorial church Monday morning and the work and play program of this delightful summer school got underway with ease and rapidity.

RAIN WORTH MILLIONS

Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, June 22.—The rain over the week-end was worth \$25,000,000 to the cotton crop alone, according to Wm. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, who says that the agricultural outlook in the State is better now than in three months. The spring was cold, so that farmers were delayed in planting crops, and then the drought had been general over the state since April 18. But with this soaking rain Saturday and Sunday, which was general in almost every section of the State, the outlook now is most favorable, though all crops will be late maturing.